

60 years later, details on denial of MSU's first African American applicant emerge



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., fought for equal rights for African Americans during the Civil Rights movement. He worked to erase racial inequalities such as policies that denied Mary Jean Price admission to Missouri State University in 1950.

by Nate Bassett

Terry Walls wanted to know the truth; the ugly, racist truth.

In 1950, his mother, Mary Jean Price, became the first African American applicant to Missouri State University (then a white's-only institution known as Southwest Missouri State College).

The college failed to respond to her application, and a Greene County judge ruled against her when she filed suit against the school for their inaction. Denied the opportunity for an education, Price moved on with her life, but the scar of the racially-motivated denial have never really healed.

Sixty-years later, after wafting through the Meyer Library Archives, her son found the sordid details of how the Board of Regents was prepared to go to the Supreme Court to deny his mother's admission to the school. Price found originally-confidential correspondence letters that indicated this intent in the file along with his mother's original application to the school.

In 1950, four years prior to when the Supreme Court case *Brown vs. Board of Education* ordered the desegregation of schools, African American students were unable to

attend Southwest Missouri State College unless the studies they wanted to pursue were not offered at Lincoln University, the state's African American college.

Price, 18 at the time, wanted to be a schoolteacher. She submitted her transcripts and a letter, stating her intentions to study library science, which was not offered at Lincoln.

The college registrar, Guy Thompson, forwarded the letter up the ranks to Southwest Missouri State College President Roy Ellis.

According to facsimile correspondence available from the library archives, President Ellis considered her application a "test case."

While waiting on the opinion of the college attorney, he mailed four other Missouri college presidents.

In a confidential letter dated November 13, 1950, he related the difficulty of trying to formulate a policy on the admission of potential black students who were eligible under the conditional laws of the time.

"The College should ask a local Circuit Court for a declaratory judgment," the letter stated. President Ellis related the feelings of the Board of Regents and how they were discussing, "carrying the matter on to the Supreme Court in case

the local Court decided the girl could be admitted."

This conviction to preventing her admission proved unnecessary, as events would reveal. After the college failed to respond to Price, Paula Kaplan, a local attorney, filed a lawsuit on her behalf against the school.

But in the declaratory judgment the Board had hoped for, a judge of the Circuit Court of Greene County ruled against Price. Her chances of attending Missouri State were finished.

"Can you imagine being an 18 year old kid, and having your ambitions dashed?" Walls said. "Sixty years later; nobody acknowledges it, as though it never happened. It did happen, and we were a part of it."

For him, and others, the fact that the story has gone untold for so long is a shock. According to Walls, his mother never spoke about it until he found the letter and local television station KSPR ran a story on it recently.

Although it was good for Price to finally speak on the matter, "it opened up old wounds," according to Walls. Price never went on to teach and worked as an elevator operator before marrying and having children. She is now in her late 70s.

Students debate how MSU should respond

by Nate Bassett

The story of Mary Jean Price was never forgotten, but failed to receive much attention over the years.

Dare To Excel, a promotional publication that reviews the history of the Missouri State University, mentions Price as the first African American applicant to Missouri State - and her rejection - but fails to detail the situation.

In light of the resurgence of interest in her story, students are surprised to learn about this forgotten part of the school's history.

"She really needs to be brought to the limelight instead of being brushed off into history," said Jeremy Fain, a member of the Delta Tau Christian fraternity. As far as recognizing the past, he said the school should at least do something to acknowledge her, because we all make mistakes. Still, he wonders, "Should we be responsible for the wrongs of the previous generation?"

But Terry Walls, son of Price, is very insistent on the need for reconciliation.

"If this is what we're learning, we need to start

re-learning," he said. "It's a sad commentary this type of apathy exists in 2010. You can't rectify what you don't recognize."

Other students agree as well. Nursing student Stephanie Neuman suggested the school at least say something, maybe apologize outright.

Since the renewed interest in Mary Jean Price, Missouri State officials are still trying to figure out how to deal with this issue.

"Several individuals at the university have seen this story and found it historically interesting and personally inspiring," Chief of Staff and Assistant to the President Paul Kincaid said in an emailed statement. "The university is still determining an appropriate response."

Wes Pratt, Coordinator for Diversity Outreach and Recruitment, emailed that, "the best apology for any racial transgressions of the past" was to continue to improvediversityandprovide and increase opportunities for all students at Missouri State.

Although diversity on campus has increased 36

percent in the last two years, African American students still only constitute about three percent of the student body.

And despite the assurances of university officials, Walls remains unimpressed.

When he found the letter, he says he was holding a piece of history, which was "no longer a mystery," forgotten in the years of neglect.

"We have to learn from the past," he said. "More things change, more things remain the same."

His concern is that the mindset and apathy towards the issue perpetuate themselves for future generations. To hear students on campus say they have never heard of this story and see how racism continues to be an issue today brings legitimacy to his worry.

"An injustice anywhere is an injustice everywhere," Walls said, citing Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

To know that injustices have occurred is only half of his concern.

He believes Missouri State must come forward on the issue publicly to bring closure to the issue.

RecycleMania goes campus-wide in 2010

by Evan Pennington

RecycleMania is running wild on the Missouri State campus.

Students better say their prayers, take their vitamins, and separate their glass from plastics if Missouri State is to have any chance of taking home the coveted RecycleMania trophy, along with a year's worth of bragging rights.

The contest, which ends Mar. 27, pits the recycling efforts of Missouri State against hundreds of other schools across the country. The event will measure both the trash output and recycling efforts of the universities. The "greenest" school wins.

This marks the sixth year Missouri State has participated in RecycleMania. Unlike year's past, though, where only recycling efforts in the residence halls were counted, this time the entire campus is participating.

The event is intended to add the drive and commitment of competition to the sensibility and necessity of recycling.

Jennifer Cox, the Assistant Director of Residence Life and Services at MSU as well as the coordinator of RecycleMania, is very excited about the competition being taken all over the Missouri State campus this year.

Although the trophy and bragging rights it entails would be nice, this is not the most

important focus of the competition in the long run, she said.

"This is not about bringing a large bag of recyclable material to school and depositing them in one of the bins," Cox said. "It's about changing smaller decisions that all of us make on a daily basis, such as recycling papers and aluminum cans instead of throwing them in the trash."

All that is required to make a positive impact on sustainability and spur Missouri State along to victory in RecycleMania is placing certain items like soda cans, plastic cups and food containers and glass tea bottles in those familiar bins labeled "RECYCLE," which are located in Meyer Library, the Plaster Student Union, and many other spots around the campus.

Cox hopes to show students both the ease of recycling and the impact it can make.

"Hopefully, habits of recycling will become a greater part of the students' lives in the end," she said.

What'cha gonna do when RecycleMania runs wild on you?



Golden Rule does not mesh with capitalism

“Ethical Capitalism as Oxymoronic as Congressional Cooperation”
Public schools in Texas may be required to teach “ethical capitalism” during economics class if an idea bandied about by conservative Christian and self-declared historian David Barton goes through.

Judging by this latest economic debacle in the U.S., Barton has concluded that capitalism is only sustainable when it comes handcuffed to the Golden Rule - treat others as you would like to be treated.

This set off my oxymoron-o-meter. Lately I’ve imagined the Golden Rule to be more like a Jesus-Wesley Snipes hybrid that comes along every so often to stab capitalism in the heart with a wooden bailout (or blow its brains out with a sawed-off guilt-trip).

Can capitalism and the Golden Rule coexist? I’m far more inclined to say “no.”

When economic times are good, prosperity abounds and unemployment is licking the dust, who the hell wouldn’t abide by the Golden Rule? I mean, why not?

As long as my pension (I don’t actually have one) is safe and sound, gas prices are low, and Bernie Madoff can lather up with Ben Franklins every night, what’s there to worry about?

I’ll gladly treat you the way I would like to be treated, so long as the game of Life treats me good first.

If there’s one thing that the latest fallout from Wall Street has shown me, it’s that when the rubber meets the road and times aren’t so great, self-interest wins out in the end.

True, the Golden Rule was still celebrated in corporate brothels such as Goldman Sachs and JPMorgan Chase; however the good will stopped at the board room door with Goldman CEO Lloyd Blankfein and four other board members each receiving around \$9 million in bonuses for 2009. I can just feel the warm fuzzies from here.



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Honestly, I suppose I’m no less guilty in the end than Goldman Sucks—er, Sachs.

When bills are piling up and payday is still two weeks away, you probably won’t see me just dying to write checks to the Salvation Army.

Even churches (and a few televangelists, believe it or not) around the country have been cutting coupons and scraping the bottom of the barrel due to a sudden drop in the giving habits of their congregations.

On the other hand, when this economic crisis turns around, unemployment rates go back down, and my boss feels better about giving me a raise,

I’d probably give my left thumb to the Salvation Army in a fit of joy.

This is also the part in the story when Bernie Madoff writes a mushy, heartfelt memoir from his prison cot talking about an impoverished childhood and just how wrong he was to be such a jerk-head with other people’s money.

When times are good, people tend to be good too, no matter where on the socio-economic jungle gym you happen

to sit.

Recent events may suggest slightly otherwise, I admit.

The outpouring of money and other forms of relief from the American people to assist a disaster-stricken Haiti has moved and inspired me, while proving that although many of us may be under the financial gun, we can still recognize needs greater than our own and give what we do have to help.

You see, *people* make these ethical decisions.

People decide to abide by the Golden Rule all the time.

Simply re-branding American capitalism in school curricula will surely do very little to inspire altruism, much less force us to make charitable decisions when the going does get rough.

Adding the Golden Rule into the equation would make a lot of things sound just dandy.

Ethical unemployment, anyone?

How about some ethical textbook prices?

Ethical Republicans (just kidding)?

Ethical war?

Ethical capitalism is just as ridiculous as any of these, and adding it to a few school books in Texas won’t make it any less of a fantasy, no matter how badly Barton and his cronies would like it to be.



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University Recreation Center plans should be reconsidered

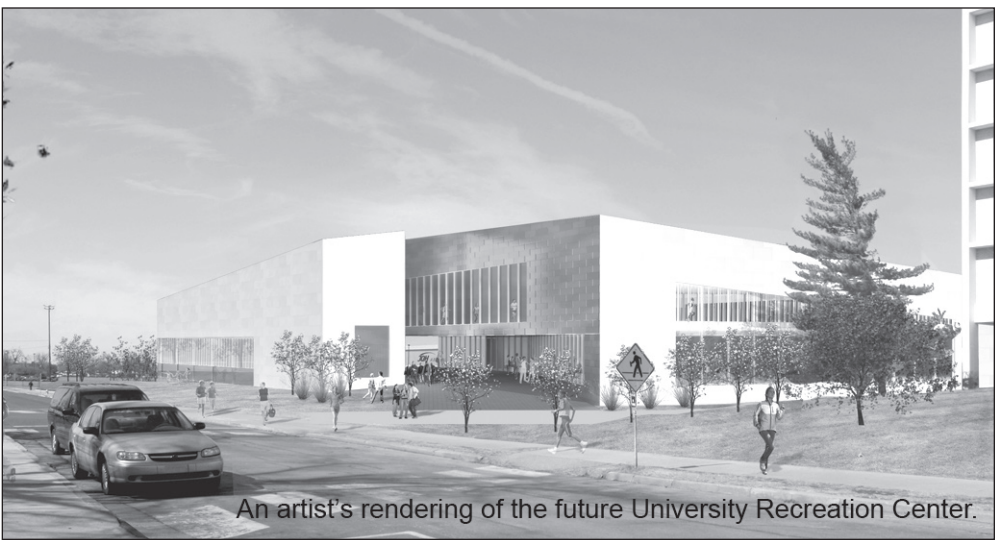
A lot has changed since 2006, when students voted to approve a fee referendum to pay for what was then a renovation of McDonald Arena and which later turned into the soon-to-be-constructed \$22.9 million University Recreation Center.

Since that time, the housing market collapsed, the banks went bust, unemployment reached historical levels, and now we’re looking at huge budget shortfalls in higher education.

Missouri’s higher education commissioner warned of potential 15-to-20 percent budget cuts to state universities, possibly leading to university closures, larger class sizes and even elimination of athletic teams.

And yet, we are still chugging along about to build a superfluous facility that the majority of students will probably never use and which will cost untold amounts in the future to properly staff and maintain.

Worse yet, those who actually need it the most – athletic teams - are



An artist's rendering of the future University Recreation Center.

specifically being barred from using the facility.

The times where we could afford to lounge down the lazy river are over.

Sure, it would be nice to have another pool, an indoor track, a rock climbing wall, more basketball courts, more gym equipment, and, of course, a lazy river.

The good folks in Campus Recreation have done a phenomenal job helping plan and design this project. It looks like a beautiful building with lots of great features.

But not here and not now.

Not in these economic conditions.

This project should be re-evaluated immediately. We should not be stuck constructing a building just because students four years ago voted to approve the project. It might have made sense then, but certainly not now.

Let students vote whether they think this is a good idea going forward given the current economic situation.

Student fees already paid into this project could be diverted to other, more vital

projects, or perhaps just held in a fund. When economic conditions and higher education budgets improve, this idea is certainly still worthy of consideration.

Now, though, is not the time.

If you are against construction of the University Recreation Center, join our Facebook group, “MSU Students Against Construction of the University Recreation Center.” A link to it can be found online at www.msu-underground.com.

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Stop calling it ‘defense’

I’m tired of hearing about how much we’re spending on defense and the military.

It’s a well known fact that the military budget of the United States is almost as large as the rest of the world’s combined defense spending.

Estimates run from \$660 billion to over a trillion dollars in the defense budget for 2010, about 5 percent of our GDP.

The new budget from the White House will have the U.S. spending above \$2 billion every *day*.

And with good reason; US troops are deployed in more than 150 countries around the world, we’re fighting two major wars, several ostentatiously-named peacekeeping missions, and the ubiquitous global war on terror.

It’s undoubtedly expensive to keep the tanks greased, planes fueled and soldiers paid.

Though that’s simplifying it; defense spending includes \$4 billion spent on recruiting, which also figures in about \$22,000 in entitlement bonuses and the \$1,600 spent on advertising for each recruit that enlisted.

Remember America’s Army, the free video game the DoD released a few years back?

Somebody got paid to make it.

Recently we celebrated the memory of Martin Luther King Jr. – I was struck by a quote. Rev. King said, “When a nation becomes obsessed with the guns of war, social programs must inevitably suffer. We can talk about guns and butter all we want to, but when the guns are there with all of its emphasis you don’t even get good oleo. These are facts of life.”

The words rang even more truly when the New York Times reported the president was going to freeze spending, excluding important programs like Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, and of course defense.

It’s a common talking point to cite the dangers of international terrorism as a justification for maintaining and increasing military spending.

Nobody wants to be seen as soft on the enemy. But when it comes to the state of our armed forces, as thinly stretched as they are, it is an obvious fact that there is no comparable conventional force on the planet.

Yet we continue to fund the military and train troops to fight with the same mindset of the British during the American revolutionary war.

As the British wore bright uniforms, marched in a straight line, and were cut to



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ribbons by guerilla fighters across their empire, we pour money into high tech hardware while our enemies handle obsolete soviet weapons we bought for them decades ago.

We occupy Iraqi and Afghani cities and are (surprise!) seen as the invading occupiers.

We are fighting a cultural and ideological force with all the finesse of a wood 2x4.

Meanwhile, defense contractors enjoy the opportunity to “support our troops” by turning a huge profit and American businesses enjoy the new potential markets in so-called stabilized zones.

Taking a closer look at the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, civilian deaths are a subject of much dispute, but studies say anywhere between 100,000 and a million have died in Iraq, and in Afghanistan, numbers easily suggest tens of thousands have died unnecessarily.

While some collateral damage is a fact of war, the fact that the military does not release official body counts and estimates suggest only 20,000 or so casualties suggests we’ve successfully killed more people who did nothing to deserve it than we have the targets the military intended.

This policy of accepting excessive civilian deaths, combined with a colonialist mentality of “the only acceptable government is our government” and never-ending occupation, suggests the war is one of attrition, and that defense is the furthest thing from the DoD’s mind.

When “defense” takes the form of an overwhelming force which answers to no one and consumes money sorely missed in a shaky economy, the money spent becomes revenue for what I call an offense budget.

Ironic to think that we have a Department of Defense (renamed in the late 40’s from the more accurate “Department of War”), yet no Department of Peace (despite numerous propositions).

At the same time we have defense spending, which conveniently encompasses all offense spending. And all this time, more people are forced to get by on the oleo Rev. King mentioned.

Would we pay for an offense budget? Probably not. Will people keep signing up and heading off as long as we call it defense? Most definitely.



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The end of late fees?

As I drove through Springfield, I noticed a Blockbuster closing on Independence. Not far from there, a Movie Gallery on Republic displayed a similar going of out business sign.

The poor economy no doubt played a part in these closings. Blockbuster posted a \$434 million loss for the final quarter last year, while Movie Gallery recently filed bankruptcy for the second time in three years.

I can't help but think these are indicative of a larger trend.

With the emergence and rapid growth of digital media distribution, the days of going to the store to rent or buy a movie (or book, music album, or video game) are numbered, I believe.

Already, sales of compact discs have fallen over 50 percent since 2000. By contrast, in 2009, people downloaded 1.16 billion songs online, up 8.3 percent from the previous year.



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DVD sales went down 13 percent in 2009 to \$8.9 billion. While the sales of Blu-Ray discs did go up in 2009, this emerging high definition format still only accounts for a small fraction of disc sales.

I'm afraid Blu-Ray might go the way of the SACD – Super Audio Compact Disc. Introduced in 1999, SACDs offered higher definition audio than traditional CDs, but the medium, while not dead, has just never caught on with the mainstream.

I enjoy the high-definition quality of Blu-Rays on my Playstation 3, but I just do not see myself building a huge library of Blu-Ray discs like I have with my

DVD collection. I probably will only pick and choose my favorite movies that I think deserve the high-def treatment.

It is hard to justify \$25 a pop for a movie when I can stream thousands of movies online either through Netflix (\$10 a month) or pay to download them straight from iTunes at a reduced price.

Even the video game market seems to be trending toward the direct download model, although perhaps a bit behind the other mediums due to the larger file sizes involved.

Beyond the assortment of downloadable classic and homebrew games, you can now download some full retail home console releases direct online. Sony is betting heavily on this concept with its PSPgo handheld, which has no physical media player whatsoever in favor of digital distribution.

Even books are being pushed off of the bookshelf

and onto the screen.

E-readers like Amazon's Kindle are rapidly gaining steam in the marketplace, with some predicting the device to reach \$1 billion in sales in 2010. You can even read newspapers and magazines on it.

The digital distribution model makes so much sense economically. Forget the middle man and deliver the product right to your customers, eliminating costs like shipping and retail salaries.

I'm excited by all these changes, yet part of me is also saddened.

There's something about the physical ownership of an item that, for all the instant gratification and cost savings digital distribution allows, is missing when your favorite movie is sitting on your hard drive rather than your shelf.

I remember as a kid when I would go to the store. I would see all the video games new and shiny and I would find

the one I wanted most. I would save my money for months before finally getting the chance to take it home.

Removing the plastic wrap.

Carefully opening the box. Quickly throwing the instructions aside.

Admiring the artwork on the cartridge.

Nudging it into my Nintendo and booting it up.

When I was finished playing, putting it on display next to my other favorite games.

Keeping those games for 20 years in storage, even though I have not touched them in five years.

It is an experience not replicated with a simple download.

The days of physical media are dwindling.

CDs, DVDs, Blu-Rays, books and disc-based video games are not going to disappear into the digital abyss overnight, but look ahead 15 years and you

might be hard pressed to find many on store shelves rather than download servers.

Still, there may be hope for physical media in a long forgotten place: vinyl records.

You know, those big, flat, circular pieces of soft plastic with music on them that your parents or grandparents may store in the attic. Replaced by the 8-track, cassette and finally thought killed by the CD, vinyl records are coming back.

According to reports, sales were up 35 percent last year.

Completely non-digital and non-portable, some people find the analog sound of records to be superior to its digital descendents. Or perhaps they just enjoy owning a physical copy of their music.

Instantly downloading media is nice, but sometimes nothing beats holding the purchase in your hands and showing it off to your friends on your shelf.

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"Hey my name's Ben. I'll give you 5 cents."

Teall Williams, 22, junior, Sparta, Missouri, Art Education Major
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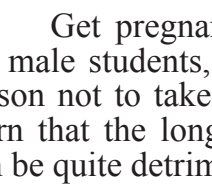
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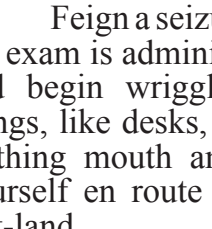
Exams, generally speaking, suck. There have been very few times in my life where I can remember getting all “super-pumped” to take a test. Mostly, when it comes to exam time, I wait until 3 hours before I’m going to bed before I read through my notes and at that usually only once or twice.

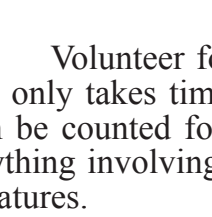
Oh, wouldn’t it be nice if we could just get out of it and not go through the rigors of studying? The following is a list of “ways” to avoid the ever-so-delightful exam.

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1) Stab yourself in the eye. An obvious course, honestly. If you take out either eye, right or left is irrelevant, the time spent in recovery will surely, if properly timed, coincide with examination day and be a generally accepted excuse.
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2) Get pregnant. Though, still a problem for male students, it is a perfectly acceptable reason not to take an exam. However, I must warn that the long-term effects of pregnancy can be quite detrimental to other areas of life.
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3) Kill off your roommate. Jail, grief, or time spent at the funeral should keep you sufficiently occupied during test time. However, along with number 2 the long-term effects can be disastrous.
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4) Feign a seizure in class. Seconds before the exam is administered fall out of your seat and begin wriggling about and knocking things, like desks, over. If played right, with frothing mouth and such, you should find yourself en route to Taylor Health and not test-land.
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6) Volunteer for scientific research. This one not only takes time, but in certain psych classes can be counted for extra credit. However, avoid anything involving chemicals or small woodland creatures.



5) Dress like the opposite sex and sing “Its Raining Men” by Geri Halliwell. You should be hauled off to a local mental institution and expertly avoid the big “T,” but this has not been proven and may ruin any chances of a future relationship/marriage with anyone.



7) Travel back in time and take out the catalyst to whatever subject the exam covers. Ex: Poison Pythagoras, who created that confounded triangle theorem, and say goodbye to Geometry.

8) Create your own Monastic order that prohibits taking examinations. Though start-up is costly, having to purchase robes and publish “holy” books, its incentive is multiplicative as you gain new members and convert the masses.

9) Bring your professors pastries laced with laxatives. It is always good to take out the source of your frustrations and in this case that is Professor So-and-so. Remember that for a Dr. the wait is 15 minutes before leaving class, so use extra laxatives.



10) Get caught cheating on purpose. This will get you expelled from school so that you never have to take another examination ever again, but I should warn that the effects of this include spending the next 50+ years as a gas station janitor. Have fun.

Animals

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4. chimp

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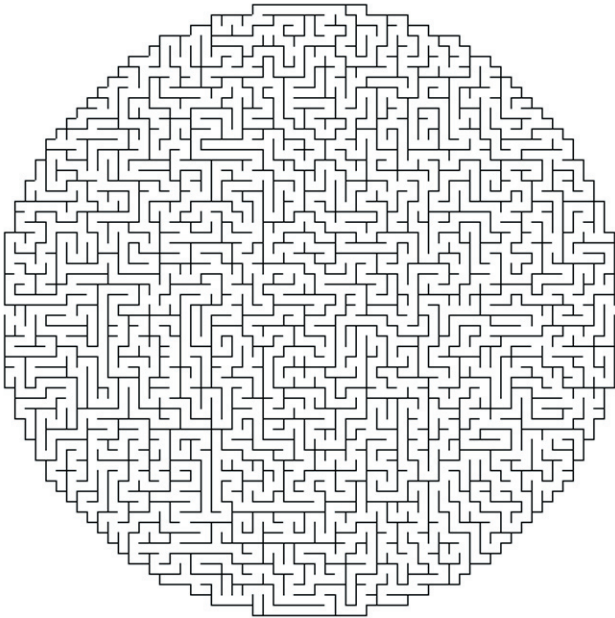
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-3		-10		50	

Try to fill in the missing numbers. Use the numbers 1 through 9 to complete the equations. Each number is only used once. Each row is a math equation. Each column is a math equation. Remember that multiplication and division are performed before addition and subtraction.

National Basketball Association

NBA Team Names

G	R	I	Z	Z	L	I	E	S	J	O	L	R	O	C	K	E	T	S	Z
M	G	B	T	I	M	B	E	R	W	O	L	V	E	S	J	W	M	K	I
B	D	N	U	S	K	N	I	C	Z	S	M	K	W	G	C	N	P	I	R
Z	V	X	C	L	P	R	X	O	Z	H	A	W	K	S	T	Q	I	N	H
C	E	T	B	C	L	U	Q	M	A	V	E	R	I	C	K	S	S	G	A
L	N	N	T	L	W	S	R	P	A	Q	H	B	B	E	H	D	T	S	R
Z	D	N	W	I	A	F	E	S	U	G	U	D	N	K	L	Q	O	O	F
S	P	F	F	P	R	D	T	H	S	X	I	I	J	E	J	K	N	I	R
W	A	O	Z	P	R	Q	R	O	R	M	M	C	X	R	G	R	S	U	U
I	C	B	G	E	I	L	Q	R	A	L	E	A	W	S	R	N	E	T	S
Z	E	H	P	R	O	J	F	N	P	X	T	V	B	O	B	C	A	T	S
A	R	J	G	S	R	D	S	E	T	Y	R	A	S	N	O	J	F	A	G
R	S	W	H	B	S	X	R	T	O	C	Z	L	X	I	O	C	Q	J	S
D	M	A	A	L	B	N	K	S	R	F	Z	I	D	C	P	E	G	H	H
S	E	B	L	A	Z	S	U	Z	S	S	J	E	I	S	F	L	T	P	B
A	N	U	A	Z	T	I	D	G	M	R	A	R	R	D	A	T	K	S	P
B	K	C	K	E	R	X	L	P	G	Q	Z	S	P	E	X	I	X	U	M
B	W	K	E	R	L	E	U	F	Q	E	T	Z	N	U	S	O	C	H	N
R	U	S	R	S	D	R	J	X	D	T	T	H	E	A	T	S	N	S	E
D	F	Q	S	T	W	S	G	X	T	D	J	S	V	Z	V	P	F	M	C

Word List

- HAWKS

CELTICS

HORNETS

BOBCATS

BULLS

CAVALIERS

MAVERICKS

NUGGETS
- HEAT

BUCKS

PISTONS

WARRIORS

ROCKETS

PACERS

CLIPPERS

LAKERS
- SUNS

BLAZERS

KINGS

TIMBERWOLVES

NETS

KNICKS

MAGIC

SIXERS
- SPURS

SONICS

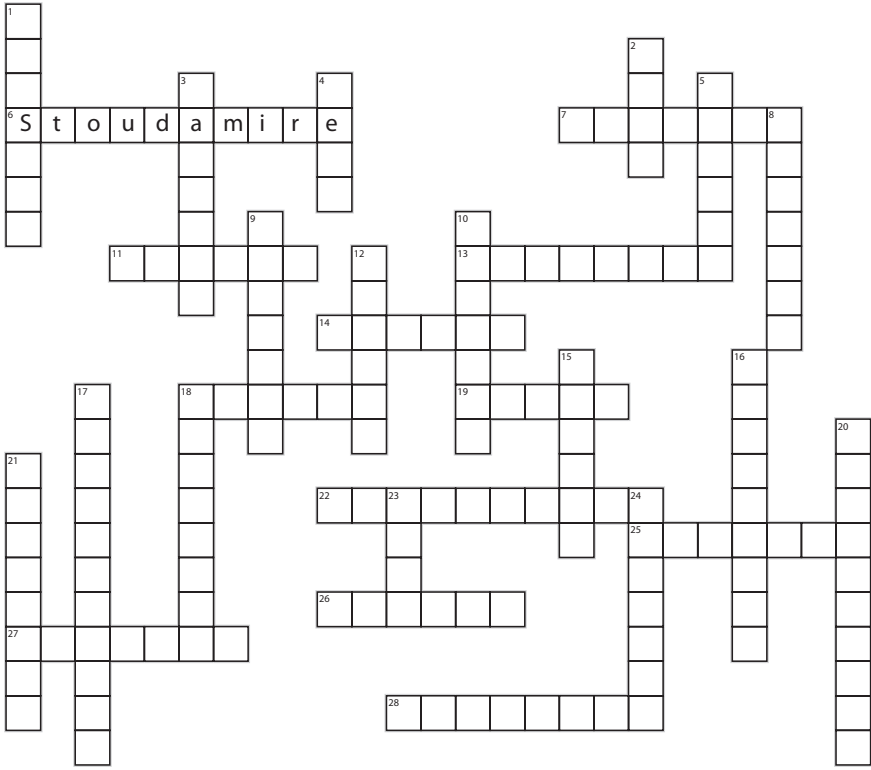
RAPTORS

JAZZ

GRIZZLIES

WIZARDS

NBA Player Nicknames



Across

6.

7.

11.

13.

14.

18.

19.

22.

25.

26.

27.

28.
- Mighty Mouse

The Big Ticket

His Airness

The Dream

Dr. J

Big Country

The Big Aristotle

The Candyman

Nick the Quick

Half Man, Half Amazing.

The Human Highlight Reel

Rip

Down

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

8.

9.

10.

12.

15.

16.

17.

18.

20.

21.

23.

24.
- Sam I Am

Larry Legend

Starbury

The Reignman

The Iceman

Tractor

Round Mound of Rebound

Magic

The Chief

The Mailman

AK47

The Big Dipper

The Admiral

Big Nasty

Penny

Memo

The Answer